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## **PALM BEACH MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Orlando, Florida - U.S. District Judge Gregory A. Presnell, yesterday sentenced David W. Melton, age 40, of Palm Beach, Florida to five years' imprisonment and ten years of supervised release for possession of child pornography. Melton pleaded guilty on October 24, 2006.

On April 6, 2006, ICE-Cocoa Beach, with assistance from the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and a computer forensic agent from ICE-Tampa, executed a federal search warrant on Melton's home in Palm Bay. During the execution of the search warrant, ICE-Cocoa Beach seized four computer towers and several digital media storage devices.

The forensics examination of the computers and digital storage media seized from defendant Melton's home revealed 3,718 single image files and 94 movie files that could be considered child pornography. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) Child Victim Identification Program (CVIP) reviewed the image files for possible victim identification and determined that 754 image files and eight movie files contained images of known child victims from previous investigations of child pornography possession and distribution.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys

Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafecchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafecchildhood.gov).

The case was investigated by agents with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bruce S. Ambrose.